Co-operation between India and Thailand

256. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India and Thailand have decided to co-operate with each other in fighting terrorism; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b). Assistance of friendly countries including Thailand is sought in exchange of information, sharing of intelligence and the need to develop common strategies to counter terrorism. Government of India seek such assistance on a case by case basis depending on the circumstances of each case and the expertise required.

Agreement between Russia and Pakistan

257. DR. BAPU KALDATE :

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the agreement between Russia & Pakistan in the field of Defence & nuclear energy following the recent visit of Russian Foreign Minister to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what are the implications involved and what is the reaction of the Government with regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Government have seen reports that during Russian Foreign Minister's visit to Pakistan on April 6-8, 1993 Pakistan and Russia have, inter alia, agreed on creating conditions for cooperation in the military technical field and in the peaceful use of nuclear power in accordance with appropriate international safeguards.

(b) Our apprehensions regarding Pakistan's continuous effort to acquire sophisticated arms and equipment beyond its legitimate defence needs have been conveyed to all concerned including Russian Government. Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take adequate measures to safeguard it.

SAARC Summit in Dhaka

258. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Summit of SAARC countries was held in Dhaka recently;

(b) if so, the details of the points discussed for implementation during the meeting;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the P.M. had made efforts to mobilise the opinion of other participating countries against Pakistan's abetment and aid for terrorists activities in India; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes. The 7th SAARC Summit was held in Dhaka from April 10-11, 1993.

(b) Summit leaders discussed ways of improving regional cooperation in economic, social, cultural and technical areas, Agreements on a SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA) was reached, as was a consensus on the eradication of poverty in South Asia. Protection of environment and improving the welfare of children, disabled persons and youth were some other specific subjects discussed at this meeting. While strongly condemning terrorism and drug trafficking in the region, the Heads of State/Government urged member States who had not yet done so, to make every effort to finalise the enactment of enabling legislation to

give effect to the SAARC Regional Convention on Suppression of Terriorism before the 8th SAARC Summit. The leaders stressed the need for coordinated action to advance cooperation in fighting terrorism on a regional basis.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. In SAARC, contentious issue of a bilateral nature are not raised.

Export oriented project in Tamil Nadu

259. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an export oriented project of M/s. Saptarishi Agro Industries, Madras for earning foreign exchange through farm waste with the help of Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) and a Dutch firm is expected to start commercial production by November, 1993; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Saptarishi Agro Industries Ltd., have been granted a letter of permission on 3rd April, 1992 for setting up of a 100% Export oriented undertaking in Tehsil Madvrantakam, Distt. Chengai MGR, in the State of Tamil Nadu for the manufacture of Canned White Buttom Mushrooms using farm waste for compost with an annual capacity of 3000 tonnes in collaboration with M/s. Dalsem Veciap, Holland who shall be having equity participation of 6.35% amounting to Rs. 70 lakhs in the total paid-up capital of Rs. 1100 lakhs. The cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 1950.00 lakhs.

भारत का सांस्कृतिक आदान-प्रदान कार्यक्रम

260. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय भारत का किन-किन देशों के साथ सांस्कृतिक आदान-प्रदान कार्यक्रम चल रहा है; और

(ख) उक्त कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत किन-किन देशों में हमारे सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र कार्य कर रहे हैं और किन-किन देशों के सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र भारत में कार्यशील हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर. एल. भाटिया) : (क) इस समय भारत का 67 देशों के साथ सांस्कृतिक आदान-प्रदान कार्यक्रम है । देशों की सूची अनुपत्र में दी गई है [**देखिए** परिशिष्ट 167, अनुपत्र संख्या 5]

इसके अतिरिक्त अन्य आदान-प्रदान कार्यक्रम, शिक्षा और संस्कृति सम्बन्धी भारत-अमरीका उप-आयोग और भारत-जापान संयुक्त आयोग के तत्वावधान में आयोजित किए जा रहे हैं ।

(ख) इस समय निम्नलिखित देशों में आठ भारतीय सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र कार्य कर रहे हैं :—

(1) जार्जटाउन (गयाना)
(2) पारामारिबो (सूरीनाम)
(3) पोर्ट लुई (मारीशस)
(4) जकार्ता (इंडोनेशिया)
(5) मास्को (रूस)
(6) बर्लिन (जर्मनी)
(7) काहिरा (ए.आर.ई.)
(8) लंदन (यू.के.)

कोई भी भारतीय सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र सांस्कृतिक आदान-प्रदान कार्यक्रम के अधीन कार्य नहीं कर रहा है ।

भारत में कार्यशील विदेशी सांस्कृतिक केन्द्रों की सूची अनुपत्र में दी गई है । [**देखिए** परिशिष्ट 167, अनुपत्र संख्या 5]